

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/862,865	COUPLAND ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Matthew S. Gart	3625	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Remarks 11/30/2005, Reasons for Allowance 1/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-15 and 18-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

  
 Jeffrey A. Smith  
 Primary Examiner

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

### Regarding claim 1

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a system for providing reservation data comprising, *inter alia*, a monitoring system coupled to the master reservation system, the monitoring system storing each set of inventory update data and sequence number data associated with the set of inventory update data as required by claim 1.

The most remarkable prior art of record is to MacDonald (Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0099576 A1). MacDonald does not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach a monitoring system coupled to the master reservation system, the monitoring system storing each set of inventory update data and sequence number data associated with the set of inventory update data. Moreover, none of the prior art of record remedies the deficiencies found in MacDonald.

### Regarding claim 8

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a method for providing reservation data comprising, *inter alia*, storing the inventory status data with an associated sequence number as required by claim 8.

The most remarkable prior art of record is to MacDonald (Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0099576 A1). MacDonald does not anticipate nor fairly and

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reasonably teach storing the inventory status data with an associated sequence number. Moreover, none of the prior art of record remedies the deficiencies found in MacDonald.

Regarding claim 15

The prior art of record neither anticipates nor fairly and reasonably teaches a method for providing reservation data comprising, *inter alia*, wherein updating the database with status data further comprises storing the status update data and a unique transaction sequence number associated with the status update data as required by claim 15.

The most remarkable prior art of record is to MacDonald (Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0099576 A1). MacDonald does not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach wherein updating the database with status data further comprises storing the status update data and a unique transaction sequence number associated with the status update data. Moreover, none of the prior art of record remedies the deficiencies found in MacDonald.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ota, Kazuhiko, Pub-No: JP02002269419A, September 20, 2002, discloses a hotel reservation method on the Internet.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew S. Gart whose telephone number is 571-273-3955. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 571-272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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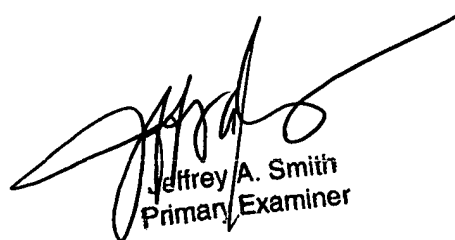
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